



Dear parents,

What a great start to term-how wonderful to see everyone so keen to return to friends and learning. The children have been sharing news of holiday adventures and the fun times they've had. Lots of smiles have been flashing around school!

Science Day

We are delighted that Hayley Pincott joined us on World Science Day. Hayley works in the pathology laboratory in Cardiff University hospital and regularly runs science workshops for children. All classes enjoyed a practical workshop with her: blood and blood clotting, human body & bones, pulse rate linked to exercise and health. The children loved asking questions and being actively involved. Thank you to Mrs Parsons and Mrs Williams for organising the opportunity.

World Book Day

The children enjoyed a wonderful World Book Day organised by the School Council. They looked splendid in their costumes and enjoyed sharing their favourite books with others. We were delighted that Mr Williams, Arlo's father, joined us for assembly

where he shared his favourite book and why he loved reading.

Poppy and Oliver also shared their love of reading with the school brilliantly. All contributions received on the



day have been passed onto READATHON—a book charity that support children in hospital (including Bristol and Gloucester) through providing books and storytellers.

Yeh ha!

Our children have been working hard to learn dance sequences and moves last term and performed brilliantly at the country dancing festival this week. The evening at Stratford Park was a great success and the children enjoyed the live band, caller and dancing with friends and family. I was impressed with the stamina of our children throughout the evening in the heat and the real enjoyment they gained from dancing with others. It was a wonderful time to show learned skills and have fun. The children were wonderful at thanking Mrs Burns for running the club and organising the event for our school—lovely to see too.

Cross Country Competition

The Y5&6 and Y3&4 attended the local Cross Country inter school competition at Stratford Park recently. They enjoyed running with friends and challenging themselves to run as fast as they could. Well done to all our runners who, despite the exceptionally muddy condition for the Y5&6 races, enjoyed taking part. We were impressed by your determination and how you pushed yourself to your limits to achieve. We are really proud of you all. Sincere thanks go to Mrs Childs, Mrs Bedwell and Mrs Morgan for supporting the children in running club and on the day.

Sponsored Marathon

The amazing class sponsored marathon raised just over £1000 which is a fantastic total. Half the money goes to Clic Sargent—a wonderful charity that helps children and families to thrive and not just survive when faced with cancer.

Mrs Rome runs the London Marathon on Saturday. If you want to track her run around the marathon course you can by downloading an app: 2018 virgin money London Marathon. Mrs Rome's running number is 38416.

Several parents have asked if they can sponsor Mrs Rome—I know how much she has appreciated all your good wishes and support. If you want to support Mrs Rome in this way you can search for Karen Rome on the Just Giving website.

Art Days

The children loved the arts days at the end of last term. The school was full of music, painting, Spanish, French and Italian language learning, foods and cooking. Lots of the work is on display so hopefully you can enjoy some of it during Parent Evening. Especially well done to Jasmine who was inspired to teach her Dad how to make patatas bravas over the holidays after learning in school. Thank you to Mrs Stephenson-Brias who helped with Spanish language teaching too—the children loved it! It was also lovely to see so many of you join us for the mindfulness through movement parent session—the children enjoyed showing you their learning.

Egg Hunt:

Jen Empson and our brilliant School PA team organised a wonderful Easter Egg Hunt in the holidays with Playgroup. The sun shone for us again and families enjoyed searching for the TV character themed eggs around the village. Bouncy castles, toasting marshmallows, forest school activities and delicious refreshments all added to the fun. A huge thank you to Mrs Empson and the fantastic crew of volunteers who made the day such a success.

Thankfulness

We are exploring thankfulness in assembly over the next two weeks. We have already learned about the hedonic treadmill and how we have a set level of happiness that fluctuates a little, dependent on the activities we are doing. One of the ways we can increase the baseline of our happiness level is to actively be thankful every day. Some of the children have been keeping a list of all the places, people and things they are grateful for. Maybe you could keep a list at home too and see how it impacts on your happiness level?

Dates for your diary

We have listed below some of the key dates for your diary.

- Mon 16th** - **First day of Summer Term 5 for pupils**
- Thurs 19th - Country Dancing Festival
- Monday 30th - Parent Evening

May

- Tues 1st - Parent Evening
- Wed 2nd - Playgroup pre-school sessions commence
- Wed 9th - Y4 trip: INTO THE NET play
- W/c 14th - KS2 Assessment and SATS week
- Fri 18th - Class & leavers photographs
- Fri 25th - May Queen Celebration
- **Last day of Summer Term 5 for children**

Holiday for children: Saturday 26th May- Sunday 3rd June

June

- Mon 4th** - **First day of Summer Term 6 for children**
- C2 Dance Day: Parents welcome at 2.45pm
- Tues 5th - C3 Dance Day: Parents welcome at 2.45pm
- Y6 PGL Information evening at 6pm
- Wed 6th - New Reception Parent Information Evening: 6pm
- Tues 26th - C1 Dance Day: Parents welcome at 2.45pm

July

- Tues 3rd - Y6 RSE Information Evening at 6pm
- Fri 6th - Y5 trip to Cool Aeronautics
- Mon 16th - Sports Day
- Tues 17th - Music Evening
- Wed 18th - Y3 Cheltenham Cricket Festival
- Tues 24th** - **Last day for pupils**
- Theatre treat on site: Oliver Twist
- Wed 25th - INSET for staff



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Thank you for your continued commitment and support. **Zoe Avastu**